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Washington, D.C. 20505

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12 FEB 1988

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes  
Chairman  
Joint Economic Committee  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 15 January 1988 inviting the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to participate in the Committee's new study of East European economies.

the Deputy Chief of our East European Division within the Office of European Analysis in the Directorate of Intelligence, will contact Mr. Richard F. Kaufman of the Joint Economic Committee staff directly to determine the areas of research where the Agency analysts can make the most useful contribution.

I look forward to reviewing this study.

Sincerely yours,

John L. Helger  
Director of Congressional Affairs

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From: John Helgerson

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☐ No answer expected or required

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
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The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

The Joint Economic Committee has initiated a new study of the Economies of East Europe and Yugoslavia, updating the study entitled East European Economies: Slow Growth in the 1980's, published in 1985-1986. I am writing to invite contributions to this effort from analysts of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The East Europe project is one of a triannual series that includes the Soviet Union and China. A two-volume Soviet study, Gorbachev's Economic Plans, published in December 1987, contained several very valuable papers prepared by CIA analysts and, in fact, the CIA has contributed to all of the studies in this series going back to the late 1950's. These volumes have been one of the more useful and authoritative reference sources on the economies of the Communist countries.

In the present East European Study, we intend to focus on the effects of General Secretary Gorbachev's policy of economic restructuring on the economies of East Europe. We also hope to address growing concerns about the accuracy of Western estimates concerning GNP and growth rates of the East European countries.

Richard F Kaufman of the JEC staff and John P. Hardt of the Congressional Research Service, the coordinators and editors of the volumes, would like to discuss details of the project with your staff.

Your cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Paul S. Sarbanes*

Paul S. Sarbanes  
Chairman



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